

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 13 cancelled.

14. (New) A laminate material comprising two components, a first thermoplastic polymer substrate and a second thermoplastic polymer film; wherein the film and substrate are directly bonded one to another and where substantially one face or side only of the substrate is laminated with film; and the film has many small flaws generated as a result of the manufacturing process, such that in use the resistance of the substrate to a localized impact on a non-laminated face is significantly reduced by the presence of the flaws in the film layer.

15. (New) A laminate material comprising two components, a first thermoplastic polymer substrate and a second thermoplastic polymer blown film; wherein the film and substrate are directly bonded one to another and where substantially one face or side of the substrate only is laminated with film; such that in use the resistance of the substrate to a localized impact on a non-laminated face is significantly reduced by the presence of the film layer.

16. (New) A laminate material according to Claim 1 wherein the polymer blown film is impact modified.

17. (New) A method of making a material according to Claim 1 where thermal bonding is used to directly bond the film and substrate.

18. (New) A method according to Claim 17 wherein the directional impact properties of the material are controlled by adjusting the strength of the thermal bonding.

19. (New) A method according to Claim 18 wherein the temperature and/or pressure applied to bond the film and substrate are varied in order to adjust the strength of the thermal bonding.

20. (New) A method according to Claim 17 wherein the thermoplastic polymer substrate is a polycarbonate material.

21. (New) A method according to Claim 17 wherein the film is a blown acrylic film.

22. (New) A method according to Claim 17 wherein the film is between 50 and 250 μm thickness.

23. (New) A method according to Claim 17 wherein the film is between 75 and 125 μm thickness.

24. (New) A material made according to the method of Claim 17.

25. (New) A material according to Claim 14 wherein the material is in the form of a sheet.

26. (New) A laminate material comprising two components, a first layer and a second thermoplastic polymer layer, bonded to one another; the second layer having a lower resistance to a localized impact than the first layer, prior to bonding; but wherein an impact against the face of the first layer of the laminate enables breakage of the laminate material with a lower impact energy than that required to enable breakage of said first layer prior to bonding.